

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 308

House concurrent resolution congratulating Ruth (Shattuck) Austin of Newport on her 100th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Batchelor of Derby, Kilmartin of Newport City, and Shaw of Derby

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, Ruth Austin's family's ties to the Newport area date to 1833 when her paternal great-grandfather, Anson Shattuck, migrated from Wheelock to Derby and began to farm on a site now known as Shattuck Hill, and

Whereas, her mother, Emma Carlquist, immigrated from Sweden, and

Whereas, Ruth Shattuck, the youngest of four children, was born on April 15, 1914 at the family home on Spring Street in West Derby, and

Whereas, although Ruth Shattuck's family remained in the house for many years, its address changed when West Derby was incorporated into Newport in 1917, and

Whereas, thriftiness and finding multiple uses for products were hallmarks of life in the Shattuck household, and

Whereas, fishing was a favorite childhood pastime, as Ruth and her mother would head to the Clyde River in search of bass, pickerel, and perch, and

Whereas, although she grew up in an urban setting, Ruth Shattuck developed an acquaintance with agricultural life as her family moved to the Shattuck Hill farm when her grandfather died, and

Whereas, Ruth Shattuck attended the East School and, in 1932, graduated from Newport High School, and

Whereas, in 1933, Ruth Shattuck married Ellis Austin Jr. whose acquaintance she made when he assisted her in starting her unresponsive car, and

Whereas, his parents were managers at the Newport Poor Farm, and Ruth Austin gained a first-hand knowledge of how this facility was managed, and

Whereas, railroading was central to Ruth Austin's life, as her father and husband worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway, the former as an engineer and the latter as a passenger train conductor, and

Whereas, Ruth Austin has a personal acquaintance of life in Newport this past century that few others have experienced, and

Whereas, Ellis, who died in 1974, and Ruth Austin were the parents of Charles, Paula, and Jean, and she has seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, and

Whereas, on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, Ruth Austin will gather with her family for a joyous 100th birthday celebration, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Ruth Austin on her 100th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ruth Austin.